



Frequently Asked Questions about the Expiration of Tier 4 of Federally Funded Extended UI Benefits

Beginning Sunday, May 13, 2012, Hoosiers will not be able to file a new claim for the fourth tier of federally funded unemployment insurance benefits. The fourth tier of benefits is only available to states with a three-month average unemployment rate above 8.5 percent. Indiana's three-month average unemployment rate is below 8.5 percent. Individuals currently receiving tier 4 benefits will be able to finish any remaining weeks on their claim.

Why is this happening?

The federal government only offers tier 4 benefits to states with a three-month average unemployment rate above 8.5 percent. Indiana's three-month average unemployment rate is now below 8.5 percent.

When is Tier 4 set to expire?

Unemployed Hoosiers will no longer be able to file a new claim for the fourth tier of unemployment insurance benefits beginning Sunday, May 13, 2012.

Can I finish the remaining weeks on my tier 4 claim?

Yes, eligible Hoosiers who have already started tier 4 benefits before Sunday, May 13, 2012 will be able to receive the remaining weeks of tier 4 benefits.

What happens to those individuals who have not completed or exhausted tier 3 before May 13, 2012?

Those individuals will not be able to collect tier 4 benefits after they complete tier 3 and will not be eligible for any further benefits.

What does it mean when people refer to "tiers" or different extensions of unemployment?

There are currently five unemployment tiers:

- Regular State Unemployment provides up to 26 weeks of benefits
- Federal Extension Tier 1 provides up to 20 weeks of benefits
- Federal Extension Tier 2 provides up to 14 weeks of benefits
- Federal Extension Tier 3 provides up to 13 weeks of benefits
- Federal Extension Tier 4 provides up to 6 weeks of benefits (expiring)